Connecting of Barh to Barbigha

5226. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is no means of transport including rails from Barh to Barbigha *via* Ajgara and Dehman;

(b) whether a large segment of people faces a lot of difficulties because of this;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to link Barh with Shekhpura *via* Ajgara and Dehman Barbigha by rail so that lakhs of people are benefited; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) and (b) There is no rail line between Barh-Barbigha at present. However, the transportation needs of the area may be getting served through road transport.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Large throwforward of ongoing projects and resource constraints.

Gauge conversion in U.P.

5227. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of present status of gauge conversion works in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) how many kilometers have been converted so far into BG line during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(c) whether any additional funds are being allocated in the Tenth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) A Statement is attached (*See* below)

(b) 140 km. converted into BG line during the Ninth Five Year Plan.

(c) The funds are being allocated as per availability of resources.